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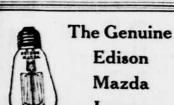
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MR. WILSON AVERSE TO TAKING CHARGE

Belief Expressed the President Does Not Want Appointing Power Over Schools.

QUESTION MAY BECOME CENTER OF DISCUSSION

House Committee Hearing on Centralization Scheme, Just Closed, Develops Opposition.

Following the conclusion of the hearng on the Johnson bill to change the existing school law and centralize existing school law and centralize power with the Commissioners, it became known that Chairman Lloyd's interesting suggestion that the President might be the proper appointing power for the board of education may become the center of discussion in the House. Members of the appropriations committee who are in touch with the White House have the firm impression that the President is desirous of taking on no more appointing power; in fact, the indications are he wants to drop some of that which he now has.

4. Teachers received starvation wages; were leaving in ever-increasing numbers and finally forced to band themselves together to obtain increased salaries and a salary schedule.

5. Lack of economical administration on the part of the Commissioners in locating and planning school buildings.

B. Some of the conclusions of the subcommittee reporting the bill: "There does not seem to be a clearly defined plan, whether in regard to the arrangement and size of the building, or of course of studies, for the extension of the school system with due regard to a judicious economy."

C. The bill as it passed Congress conpower with the Commissioners, it bedrop some of that which he now has,

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ctly sanitary is all. The Commissioners would choose the administrators of the Schools. The Supreme Court of the District would make no more appointments to the board of education. That is all. The Commissioners would choose the administrators of the schools. The Commissioner would choose the administrators of the schools. The Commissioner would choose the administrators of the schools. The Commissioner would choose the administrators of the schools. Swift's "Premium" of the stand he said he had been informed the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia would be glad to be relieved of the task of appointing the board of education, and Chairman Lloyd supported him in the statement. Mr. Newman said that he was further informed the court has no preference as to what other apthat he was further informed the court has no preference as to what other ap-pointing source should be chosen by Con-gress. The Commissioners answered at ength the statement by Mr. Blair that the Commissioners had a merely minis-terial function regarding the schools, and that it is a matter of grace alone by which the Commissioners take the advice of the he Commissioners take the advice of the

board.
"Isn't it a matter of grace," asked chairman Lloyd, "that they consult with you at all. Here is a body of citizens administering the school affairs without pay, advising you Commissioners who are paid for the job."
"Yes," answered Mr. Newman, "that is true, too, and neither one is the right way to do business."

Annong those who appeared to register ther their protest against the Commissioners plan, in the form of resolutions from associations, were Judge Charles S. Bundy. Columbia Heights Citizens' Association; C. N. Thompson, South Washington Citizens' Association; Charles M. Emmons, East Washington Citizens' Association; Charles M. Emmons, East Washington Citizens' Association; Charles Langenbeck, Henry D. Cooke, Parents' Association; Mrs. W. B. Bayles, Carbery Parent-Teacher's Association; Mrs. William B. Hardy, seventh division, Federation of Home and School; Mrs. Ada V. McKinley, Peabody Home and School Association; Mrs. Ellen Molster, Brookland Parents' Association; Mrs. Scongress; Mrs. Charles R. Duval, Wallend Mrs. Ellen Molster, Brookland Parents' Association; Mrs. Scongress; Mrs. Charles R. Duval, Wallar already two boxes had been shipped to Poland and two to France.

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SUMMARIZES SCHOOL PLANS.

High School Teachers' Association Answers Commissioners' Argument. In connection with the arguments against changing the plan of administration in the public schools of the District, as proposed by the Commis Painting and Paper-hanging. Can we sioners, the High School Teachers' Association has drawn up a summary of plans of administration which have been tried here. These have been subsioners, the High School Teachers' Asmitted, with other data, to the sub-Geo. Plitt Co., Inc., 1325 14th

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First Plan, to July 1, 1900. Here is the summary The Commissioners appointed superntendent and board of school trustees. (No salary schedule for teachers.) A. Defects as shown by report Ne 711, Senate, Fifty-sixth Congress, first

session, March 23, 1900; 1. One-man rule by the superintendent as the representative of the Commissioner in charge of schools.

Teachers hampered by arbitrary rules as to details in teaching and by abolition of use of textbooks. Fear on part of teachers due to uncertainty of tenure of office and aninual appointment.

4. Teachers uncertain as to who had the power of appointment, dismissal,

5. Unfair methods of appointment, promotion by favoritism and irregularities as to splitting salaries signed for.

6. Friction between superintendent and teachers and between authorities and people.
7. Board of school trustees merely

constant turmoil and confusion. Conclusion of committee reporting

B. Conclusion of committee reporting bill:

"A lack of properly organized system is, in the opinion of the committee, the principal source of the very many defects and alleged defects in the existing system of the public schools of the District of Columbia."

"Believing that the true remedy, as far as Congress is concerned, is to provide a competent, well organized board of education, with well defined powers, which can investigate and regulate every subject connected with the management of the public schools, improve their methods and make them efficient, the committee, therefore, does not recommend detailed legislation."

(and there are many which the committee regard as grave errors) are more the result of the system than of intentional wrongdoing on the part of any one connected with the schools."

C. The bill submitted by the Senate committee, of which William Stewart was chairman and Jacob H. Gallinger leading member, provided that there be a complete divorcement of the public school department from the control of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, and requiring it to report to Congress.

Congress.

The bill as it passed Congress left the control of the material interests in the hands of the Commissioners and provided for the second plan.

Second Plan, to June 20, 1906.

The Commissioners of the District of Columbia appoint the board of education which appoints superintendent, teachers, etc. (No salary schedule for teachers.) A. Defects as shown by report No. 3395 and hearings, Fifty-ninth Congress, first session, April 20, 1906:

gress, first session, April 20, 1906:

1. Control by civilian Commissioner over educational interests; control by Engineer Commissioner over material interests of the schools.

2. When educational interests conflicted with material interests of the city (such as the fire, the police and the engineering department), the educational interests always yielded.

3. Board, not superintendent, seemed to be supreme in educational matters. Constant interference.

Constant interference.
4. Teachers received starvation wages

to a judicious economy."

C. The bill as it passed Congress contained provisions as follows:

"That a commission, consisting of a superintendent of schools, the engineer Commissioner and the supervising architect of the Treasury Department, is hereby created for the purpose of submitting to Congress at the session beginning December, 1906.

"First: A general plan for the con-

in reference particularly to District of Columbia matters.

The hearing came to a close late yesterday afternoon after the committee had received from a score of associations resolutions in protest against the proposed centralization scheme, showing the overwhelming public opinion against the measure.

Commissioner Newman and Corporation Counsel Syme made closing arguments in favor of the bill, and Representative Page, chairman of the subcommittee which handles the appropriations for the District, put forward his suggestion that the law be so amended as to give the Commissioners and the supervising architect of the Treasury Department, is thereby created for the purpose of submitting to Congress at the session beginning December, 1906.

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"Second: A general plan for the character, size and location of school buildings in accordance with which the educational and business interests of the public school system may be subserved." And provided further for the third plan.

Third Plan, to Present Date.

Judges of the Supreme Court of the exactly as at present; the board, the su- of education, which appoints superinerintendent and every one else would tendent, teachers, etc. (Salary schedule in the early days of the last century." nain with the same powers, authori- amended to the benefit of teachers, 1908,

> legal expense to obtain from the courts the rights to salaries granted them by Congress, but denied them by authori-ties foreign to the board of education.) Proposed Plan of Commissioners. Commissioners' plan to abrogate third

(Note-Teachers forced to incur heavy

plan and return to first plan (probably second plan) given before. Another possible plan: Complete and absolute separation of school interests, material, educational and financial, from the District govern-ment to be lodged in the present board of education as constituted, in accord-ance with general tendencies and actual practice of many progressive cities.

MISS WHEELER OUTLINES PLANS FOR "BABY WEEK"

Lowest Prices of 17th and south of divergence of the Department of Labor. Mrs. Gilbert divergence of the Department of Labor. Mrs. Gilbert divergence of the Twentieth Century Club yesterday, at All Souls' Church, by Miss of the detection. "You may write a biased or inactive of the Department of Labor. Mrs. Gilbert divergence of the Department of Labor. Mrs. Gilbert divergence of the Department of Labor. All souls' Church, by Miss of the cape detection.

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of Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell, for the

benefit of this fund.

Mrs. George F. Bowerman, chairman of the legislation committee, made a report on the bills before Congress in which the women are interested. There was a general discussion on the proposed public school change.

Will Discuss "Student Work." Miss Ruth M. Keeney, educational sec etary of the Y. W. C. A., is announced to speak before the Volunteer Workers tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock, her topic being, "Student Work." Miss Keeney

Frederick William Kitch Dead. Frederick William Kitch, forty-two years old, a clerk in the census office since 1900, died Wednesday at his home, 1827 18th street northwest. Funeral services were held this morning at 9:30 o'clock at St. Paul's Catholic Church, 15th and V streets northwest, Mr. Kitch, was a native of Kentucky. His mother and a brother living in North Dakota, survive him.

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TELLS HOW WORLD **NEWS IS GATHERED**

Melville E. Stone Gives Picture of Workings of the Associated Press.

BIG UPSET WAS CAUSED BY THE WAR IN EUROPE

Established Connections Dislocated. and New Service Had to Be Organized.

Melville E. Stone, general manager of the Associated Press, described the and distributing organization Wednesday night in an address before the Franklin Institute of Philadelphia.

paper, iesued to you for the smallest \$300,000 itable spot on the globe-if you have enything like an inquisitive mind, your curiosity must be aroused," said Mr. "It must interest you to know ow all this so-called 'news,' good and indifferent, important and trivial, from parts, is collected, transmitted and de-

livered to you at so small a cost. Well, this I shall strive to tell you.

Originated in America. "Also, it may gratify you to remem ber that this business of systematic and comprehensive newsgathering is perfect development. The work began Continuing, Mr. Stone described early

Continuing, Mr. Stone described early news gathering and the changes wrought by the telegraph, the cable and quicker means of transportation. He told how after many bitter contests he nation-wide organization for handling news was organized.

"And now what is it?" he asked.

"And how does it operate? First, there are something like 900 members, each owning a daily newspaper and each having a vote in determining the management. These 900 members represent every angle of every fad or ism outside the walls of Bedlam.

"And not only each member, but every employe of every member—nay, more, every reader of every one of these 900 daily papers sits in hourly judgment on the service which the Associated Press is rendering.

Criticism Is Welcomed.

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hose of us who founded the instituion, and it is not at all to be deplored. It is the thing which safeguards an honest and truthful service of news to you. There are competing organiza-

with you at all. Here is a body of citizens administering the school affairs without pay, advising you Commissioners who are paid for the job."
"Yes," answered Mr. Newman, "that is true, too, and neither one is the right way to do business."

Mr. Newman Resents Imputation.

Mr. Newman declared that no one had the right to assume the Commissioners do not hold the schools close to their hearts, or that they seek "to wreck or Tammanyize the system."
He said the Commissioners merited the

lions who read the dispatches of the Associated Press. The very magnitude of its work tends to make truthfulness and impartiality imperative.



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but gains greatly, by an honest con-fession of error. It is not easy to es-tablish a reputation for infallibility; it is very easy to secure a reputation for integrity if it is deserved."

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For collecting foreign news Mr. Stone said there were four great agencies; Reuter's of London, which assumes responsibility for news of the British empire, Japan and China; the Havas of Paris, for the Latin countries, northern Africa and South America, and the Wolff of Berlin, covering the Teuton. Scandinavian and Slav countries, and the Associated Press, which maintains branches in all the important cities of the world.

The speaker described how any important happening in any part of the known world was described and sent to America. How when Pope Leo XIII died in Rome a San Francisco paper published the Associated Press telegram announcing the event nine min-

gram announcing the event nine min-utes later.

50,000 Miles of Wire.

"For the collection and interchange of this information," said Mr. Stone, we lease from the various telephone and telegraph companies, and operate with our own employes, something like fifty thousand miles of wire, stretching out in every direction through the country and touching every important center. To reach smaller cities the telephone is employed. Everywhere in every land and every moment of every day there is ceaseless vigil for news. "I am frequently asked what it costs thus to collect the news of the world And I cannot answer. Our annual Of particular interest was his account of how the Associated Press, when the outbreak of the present world war disrupted its carefully organized news-gathering facilities, went to work and built up a new system to supply the American public with all the facts obtainable regarding the grantic struggle.

"As you pick up your dally newspaper, iesued to you for the smallest of the same and word in reporting the matters and handing the news over to the agencies. Neither can I estimate the number of men and women engaged in this fashion. It is easy to measure the cost of certain specific events. As, for instance, we expended \$25,000 to report the Martinique disaster. And the Russo-Japanese war cost us over \$300,000.

coin that is minted by the government

—filled, as it is, with a vast bulk of
information gathered from every habon us eighteen months ago, all of the processes of civilization seemed to go down in an hour. And we suffered in common with others. Our internationa! relations for the exchange of news were instantly dislocated.

Had Abolished Censorship.

"We had been able to impress the an impartial and unpurchasable news service, as opposed to the venal type of ournalism, which was too common or the European continent. And in our behalf they had abolished their censor ship. They had accorded us rules asan American enterprise. It originated suring us great rapidity in the transcoard of education down would remain District of Columbia appoint the board here, and here it has reached its most mission of our messages over their government thelegraph lines. They had opened the doors of their chancelleries to our correspondents, and told them freely the news as it developed.

All these advantages ceased. The German news agency was prohibited German news agency was pronibited from holding any intercourse with the English, French or Russian organizations. Simultaneously, like commerce was interdicted in the other countries. The virtues of impartial news gathering at once ceased to be quoted at par. Everywhere in all of the warring lands, the biblical rule that "he that is not with me is against me" became the controlling view. Government tele-

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grams were obviously very important and there was no time to consider anywhere any of the promised speed in sending our dispatches. Finally, censorships were imposed. This was quite proper, in principle. Censorships are always necessary in time of war. But it is desirable, from every point of view, that they be intelligent.

Stupidity of Censorship.

"I am sorry to say that for crass soring has never been equaled, unless it was in the days of our civil war. Well, like doltish management has characterized much of the censorship abroad and has increased our difficulpropriety and need of a military censorship and have no thought of objecting to it. But when the business is put in the hands of people who, alike because of their censurable habits or their lack of ordinary elementary education, are often in no condition to exercise any discriminating judgment,

we do protest.
"Nevertheless, I feel that we have "Nevertheless, I feel that we have fared pretty well in the business of reporting this war. We have made distinct progress in teaching the belligerents that we hold no brief for any one of them, and while each would much rather have us plead his cause, they are coming to see why we cannot and ought not to do so. And our men, I am glad to say, are everywhere respected and accorded as large privilege as, perhaps, in the light of the tension of the hour, could be reasonably asked.

Great Sums Expended.

"During this war we have more men and more offices in Europe than any other news-gathering organization ever had and are expending even greater sums. Last week, for example, we received the speech in the reichstag of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg and the German Baralong note not only by wireless but also by the costly cable route through Holland and England to New York. In tolls alone the cost to the Asociated Press of such matter was over \$1 a word—yet this all goes to you in your penny paper.

"When the Austro-Hungarian government prepared a reply to the American note on the sinking of the Ancona, the reply was relayed by Associated Press men from Vienna to Berlin, from Berlin to The Hague, from The Hague to London and from London to New York, and delivered in spite of the censorships, to virtually every newspaper reader in the

delivered in spite of the censorships, to virtually every newspaper reader in the United States thirty-six hours before it was decoded in the State Department at British News Incomplete.

"Vesterday's London Times complained

hat the version of Germany's Baralong

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incomplete, although neutral countrie received the full German report, and

'Some idea of the importance attach

ssociated Press.
"Also, many people are unable to dis-

tinguish between Associated Press dis-patches and special telegrams for which we have no responsibility, and yet for which we frequently receive undeserved

"There are certain things which it should do, and others which it must not do. It should report the important events of the day as fairly and truthfully and impartially as is possible for human beings to do."

SCHOOL CHANGE IS OPPOSED.

Piney Branch Mothers and Teachers' Association Records Views. Members of the Piney Branch Moth-

rs and Teachers' Association last night, at a meeting at the West School went on record as opposing any change in the school system of the District. Mrs. G. W. Kernodle, the president

Resolutions were adopted explaining

age.
A defective flue at the home of Mary Thomas, 1537 14th street northwest, yesterday afternoon caused a fire which did about \$25 damage.
About \$10 damage was done by fire originating from an overheated stove at the home of Carl H. Sands, 1510 9th street, shortly after 7 o'clock last night.

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Employes of Naval Gun Tactory Organize to Promote Legislation. "Some idea of the importance attached by the German government to the correspondence may be gleaned from the fact that the whole dispatch was sent direct from Berlin by wireless to New Fork, where it was transmitted exact to 1,000 leading American newspapers through the Associated Press."

"There is much misunderstanding in the public mind respecting the limitations which we believe, with distinct propriety, have been imposed upon the Associated Press.

systems of transportation, industrial and commercial organizations. It will undertake to devise a bill to be presented to Congress which will be pleasing to all sides.

The officers of the committee are: Chairman, R. H. Alcorn, International Molders, No. 215; vice chairman, R. M. Carnahan, Columbia Lodge, No. 114, International Association of Machinists; treasurer, J. W. McConnell, Columbia Lodge, No. 174, International Association of Machinists; secretary, Dr. C. Eder Reed, Washington Branch, No. 9, National Association of United States Civil Service Employes at Navy Yards and Stations. ing to all sides.

Files Petition in Bankruptcy.

Enos S. Harnden, personally and tradng as Crescent Motor Company, today filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy. He lists his debts at \$1,971.88, and estimates his assets, excluding exemptions, at \$183.89. Attorney A. D. Smith appears for the petitioner.



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